

THE INFLUENCE

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Alan had never dreamed that a growing daughter could prove such a problem. When Josephine's mother died at her birth, Alan was relieved in the thought that his child's future would be secure in sister's care. Tilda, the elder sister, had raised him in his orphanage and Tilda would be competent to raise his daughter, so thought Alan; but he had not counted upon the difficult temperament of his child Josephine.

Josephine's mother had grown up in the vicinity, and when Tilda approved of their comradeship, and approved also, of the first Josephine's domestic ability and gentle manners, Alan coincided heartily with her views, and his early marriage followed. Josephine, the daughter, grown to early young womanhood, possessed neither her mother's domestic tastes nor amenability. Josephine was adventurous, she had views, and she was apt to be interrogative. Alan, traveling afar upon business interests which carried him, grew vaguely troubled. Tilda's complaint, upon his home coming, was that of a new friendship in which her charge persisted.

"It seems," Tilda told her brother, "that the affair has been going on longer than I suspected. Probably this intimacy is responsible for many of Josie's wild views. An infatuation I call it."

"A man?" her brother impatiently questioned.

"My, no!" Tilda replied, "I almost wish it were a man, he would probably knock some of the nonsense out of the girl's head; Josie's divinity is a woman, a mysterious sort of person who has rented the Well's bungalow for the summer. She looks like a motion picture actress, and spends her time playing the harp, selecting to notice no person in town save Josie. Why Josie, I have been unable to determine."

"Disagreeable?" again the father interrupted with a question.

"No," Tilda honestly replied, "on the contrary Josie appears unusually sweet and reasonable. The trouble is, that one wild notion persists. She will study the harp. Alan, I wish you would see that woman yourself and speak to her concerning her mistaken influence over Josephine. She would probably listen to a man, but when I called—"

"You called," interposed the brother. Tilda nodded.

"I thought it was my duty. Josie positively refused to obey when I ordered her not to go to the woman's house again. For let me assure you that the people here think very little of such a stranger. When I called she was making a picture of herself draped before her harp in a greek sort of a robe, and when I reproved her regarding the notion she had put in Josephine's head, she was as sweetly and stubbornly insistent as the child."

"Josephine really should be given her opportunity, she said. So I came away. There is no use trying to forbid your daughter this companionship Alan, but perhaps the young woman may respect your wishes."

Alan hesitated, then decided that it would be wise to have some knowledge of his daughter's new found friend. Josephine was making one of her daily visits at the bungalow, it would appear quite the natural thing to call to see her home. So Alan went. Josephine greeted him in the garden, she was proud of her handsome father and led him forth jubilantly.

"Janet," she called, "Janet come here."

At sight of a white-clad figure in the doorway, Alan's disapproving frown vanished, while Josephine stared in surprise from one to the other. For her father's quick cry had been "Janet, my dear!" while her friend ran in a little rush toward him.

"You will not be displeased, will you Alan," she was saying, "because I stole a march on you and hurried on to meet Josie. I wanted to win your daughter's heart you see, before she should know me under the unfortunate name of stepmother. You were far away Alan, it really seemed the most acceptable way of spending my time. And I have discovered a secret for you, one that will not keep another moment. Your daughter has great musical ability, Alan. I am very certain of this, and you must give her an opportunity."

"But," murmured Josephine, "I do not understand."

"Of course you don't," penitently Janet's arms enfolded her.

"It means dear, that your father and I met some time ago, quite accidentally, when he called concerning a certain suit for damages. My little brother, Laddie, had been almost crippled by a recklessly driven automobile, and the suit was brought in order to enable us to procure the best possible surgical skill."

"And while the suit was pending," Alan added, "and the little brother lay in the hospital, this girl whom I learned to love, took the harp which had been her pastime and with it, gave recitals here and there, so that Laddie need lack no help or comfort. And she was becoming such a celebrity in her line, that I thought I had better put my question, before her head should be turned by admiration."

"And so," Josephine finished happily, "everything has ended in just a perfectly heavenly way."

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION
E. W. Graves, plaintiff,
vs.

Arthur Huff, James T. Brunot, a minor, Fidelity Title & Trust Company, a corporation, Trustee, succeeding Charles E. Speer, surviving Trustee under the will of William K. Nimick, deceased, James J. Donnell, surviving Trustee of the estate of Alexander Nimick and others, formerly partners as Nimick and Company, Robert R. Singer and Harriet I. Singer, his wife, George Singer, Laura T. S. Richardson, formerly Laura T. S. Singer, and Chas. A. Richardson, her husband, George Singer, Trustee for Mary E. Allderdice, formerly Mary E. Singer, wife of Winslow Allderdice, Mary Brunot, widow of H. J. Brunot, deceased, Hilary B. Brunot and Ann Elizabeth Brunot, his wife, Mary Caroline Klingensmith, formerly Mary Caroline Brunot, widow of Dr. I. P. Klingensmith, Hilary B. Brunot, Sarah Louise Brunot, his wife, Melusina B. Barclay, formerly Melusina B. Brunot, and Joseph K. Barclay, her husband, John B. Brunot and Alice T. Brunot, his wife, and Rose L. Turner, formerly Rose L. Brunot, and A. M. Turner, her husband, and the unknown consort, heirs, devisees, donees, alienees or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of each of the following named: William K. Nimick, Alexander Nimick, Robert K. Singer, Harriet I. Singer, George Singer, Laura T. S. Richardson, Charles A. Richardson, George Singer, Trustee for Mary E. Allderdice, Mary E. Allderdice, Winslow Allderdice, Mary Brunot, H. J. Brunot, Hilary B. Brunot, Ann Elizabeth Brunot, Mary Caroline Klingensmith, Dr. I. P. Klingensmith, Hilary B. Brunot, Sarah Louise Brunot, Felix R. Brunot, Gertrude Brunot, Melusina B. Barclay, Joseph K. Barclay, John B. Brunot, Alice T. Brunot, Rose L. Turner and A. M. Turner, defendants.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a decree in partition and an order of sale of the Circuit Court of the County of Iron, State of Missouri, made in the above entitled cause at the April term, 1921, thereof, I, the undersigned, Sheriff of the County of Iron, and State of Missouri, will, on

Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1921,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house in the City of Ironton, County of Iron and State of Missouri, and during the session of the regular October term of the Circuit Court for the year of 1921, sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in Iron County, Missouri, to-wit:

The southeast quarter of section two (2); the west half of the northeast quarter of section twelve (12); the west half of the southeast quarter of section twelve (12); the east half of the northwest quarter of section twelve (12); the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twelve (12); and the northwest quarter of section twelve (12), excepting five acres on the north side thereof sold to Charles Shaver by deed dated June 15th, 1920, and recorded in Book 76, page 530, Iron County Land Records; all of said lands being in township thirty (30) north, range three (3) east of the 5th P. M., and containing 480 acres, more or less—all being in the said County of Iron and State of Missouri.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash in hand.
JOHN I. MARSHALL,
Sheriff Iron County, Mo.
Ironton, Mo., September 2, 1921.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of an execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for the County of Iron, returnable to the October (1921) term of said court, and to me directed, wherein Lucy M. Willhite is plaintiff, and J. H. Willhite is defendant, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate, situated in said County of Iron and State of Missouri, and described as follows, to-wit:

The south half of lots one (1) and two (2) of the southwest quarter of section thirty (30); the east half of lot two (2) and the north half of lot one (1) of the northwest quarter, and all of the northeast quarter of section thirty-one (31); all in township thirty-five (35), north, range one (1) west of the 5th P. M., containing 320 acres, more or less; subject to the deed of trust in favor of Belgrade State Bank, recorded in Book 62, page 349, Iron County Land Records.

And I will on Tuesday, the 4th day of October, 1921, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the front door of the courthouse in said County and State, sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the property above described, to satisfy said execution and costs.

JOHN I. MARSHALL,
Sheriff of Iron County, Mo.
Ironton, Mo., August 29, 1921.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue and authority of a special execution issued from the office of the clerk of the circuit court of Iron county, Missouri, and to me, the undersigned sheriff, directed, in favor of the Kelly Island Lime & Transport Company, a corporation, plaintiff, and against River Rouge Sand Company, a corporation, and Clarence L. Parker, defendants, bearing date August 29th, 1921, and returnable, to the October term, 1921, thereof, I have levied upon and seized the following described real estate and property, lying and being in Iron county, Missouri, as the property of said defendants, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot number two (2) of the northwest quarter of section three (3), township thirty-one (31), north, of range three (3) east, of the 5th P. M., containing 113.06 acres, according to government survey—all in Iron County, Missouri;

And I will on Tuesday, October 4th, 1921,

at the east front door of the courthouse, in the city of Ironton, Iron county, Missouri, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and during the session of the circuit court, sell, at public vendue, all the right, title, claim, estate and property of the said defendants, of, in and to the above described real estate and property for cash in hand, to the highest bidder, to satisfy said execution and costs.

JOHN I. MARSHALL,
Sheriff Iron County, Mo.
Ironton, Mo., September 2, 1921.

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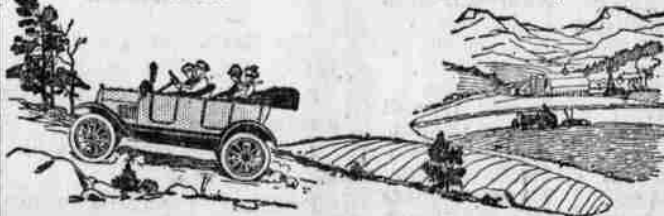
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